

Program Policies

- **Forms:** The annual Challenge school registration form must be filled out and sent to the USBG before a school can participate. **Please send or fax your registration form immediately.**
- **The Challenge:** All schools that participate in the Fairchild Challenge will be recognized. Schools earning at least **500 points** will receive the USBG Fairchild Challenge Award and \$ 200.00 to enhance their environmental programs.
- **Due dates:** Entry deadlines are final; most fall on Fridays. Challenge entries must be received by mail or in person at the USBG by the published deadlines. In some cases, with enough advance notice, schools may arrange for pick-up of their entries.
- **Entries:** Each Challenge entry must be **clearly marked with the school's and students' names.** **One completed entry form must accompany each Challenge option, not each individual entry.**
- **School submissions:** Schools may submit fewer than the maximum number of entries allowed per Challenge option, but to earn the most points possible, always strive to submit the maximum number. Please note that **10 points** will be deducted for each entry in excess of the maximum entry number.
- **Honor code:** All participants are expected to follow a strict honor code, pledging that work submitted is original, unless quoted from a referenced source. The honor code also requires all participants to be honest in reporting information, data, etc. **Dishonesty will result in disqualification of all entries submitted by the students involved.**
- **All work submitted for Challenge entries must be completed by students only.**
- **Liability:** Student entries may be exhibited at the USBG. The USBG **is not responsible** for any materials lost, stolen, or damaged. **Schools consent to the USBG's unrestricted use of any student work, including photographs and audiovisual recordings made of participants or their entries.** The USBG must be notified in writing of any exceptions.
- **Evaluation:** Panels of experts judge entries using evaluation rubrics that reflect the criteria listed in the specific requirements for each option.
- **Results:** **Final results will be announced at the awards ceremony on June 5, 2008 at the USBG. School rankings will not be disclosed until that time.**